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Headed by Colonel James G. Russell, a seven-man board from the Air Force Deputy Inspector General's office, Norton AFB, Calif., is investigating the January 4, 1966, crash of an experimental model of the SR-71. The rugged terrain, distance over which wreckage is scattered and freezing temperatures in the Leith, Nevada, crash site area are expected to extend the team's investigations for several weeks. Due to classification of the SR-71, no summary of the findings of the board is expected to be made public.

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If further queries are received which cannot be answered within the context of previously cleared statements, the reply is to be-"We have nothing to add."

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